

# Item P-401, Item P-501 Quality Control, Acceptance Criteria, PWL Concepts

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# Presentation Objectives

- Clarify the process that ESTIMATES Contractor Production Quality using Lot samples.
- Provide brief explanation of PWL concepts and why there is a degree of uncertainty (risk) associated with acceptance plans when small fractions of material are used to evaluate a day's production. (AC 5370-10 Section 110)

# Quality Control—Hot Mix and PCC

- Responsibility of Contractor
- Contractor controls processes.
- General Provision Section 100 requires a Contractor Quality Control Program when P-401 or P-501 in the project.
- Specification Items P-401 and P-501 contain minimum items to be included in the Contractor Quality Control Program.

# Quality Control—Hot Mix and PCC

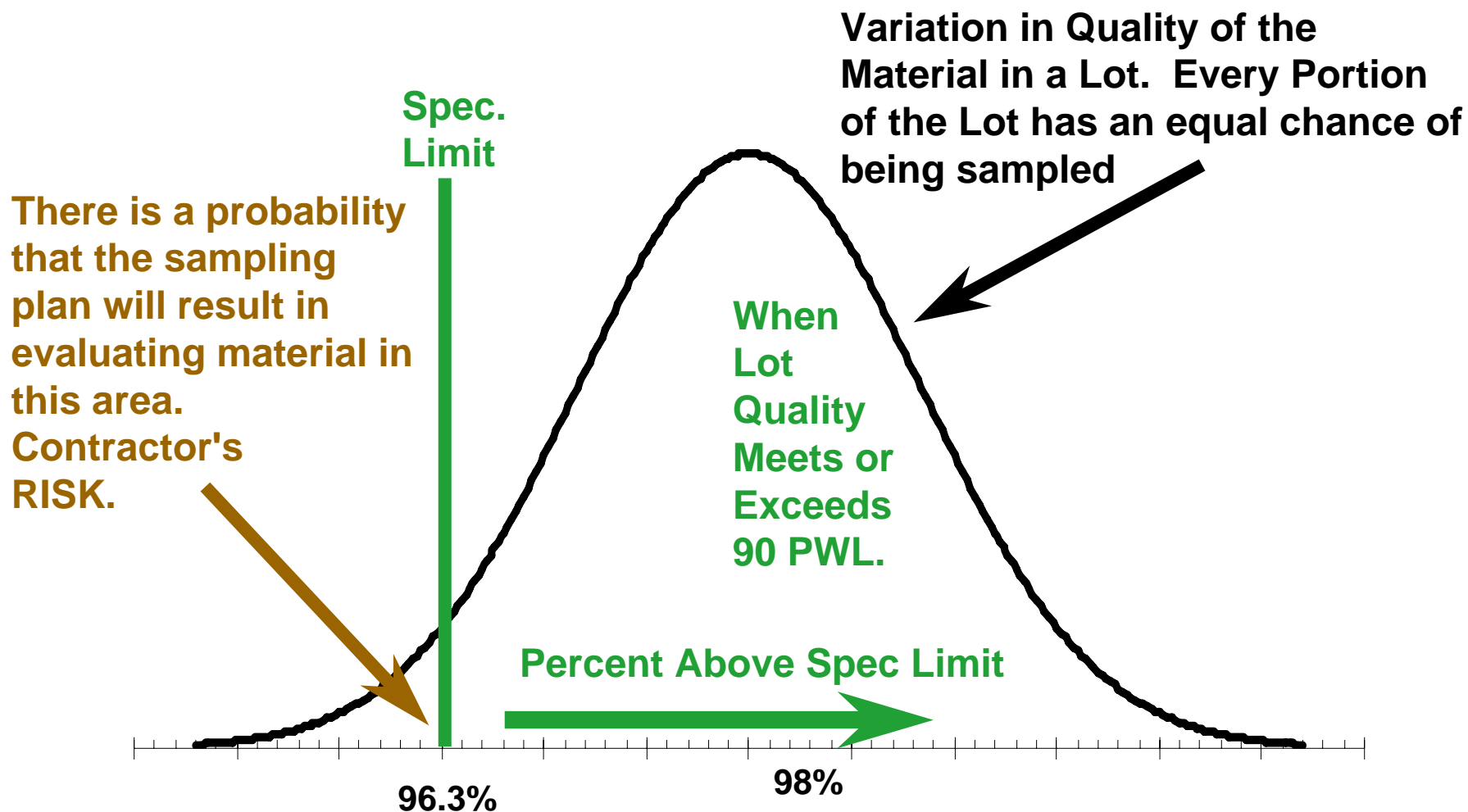
- Addresses labs and technicians.
- Processes include lab production, plant production, and field placement.
- Some processes require the Contractor to use statistical quality control measures (run charts and range charts).



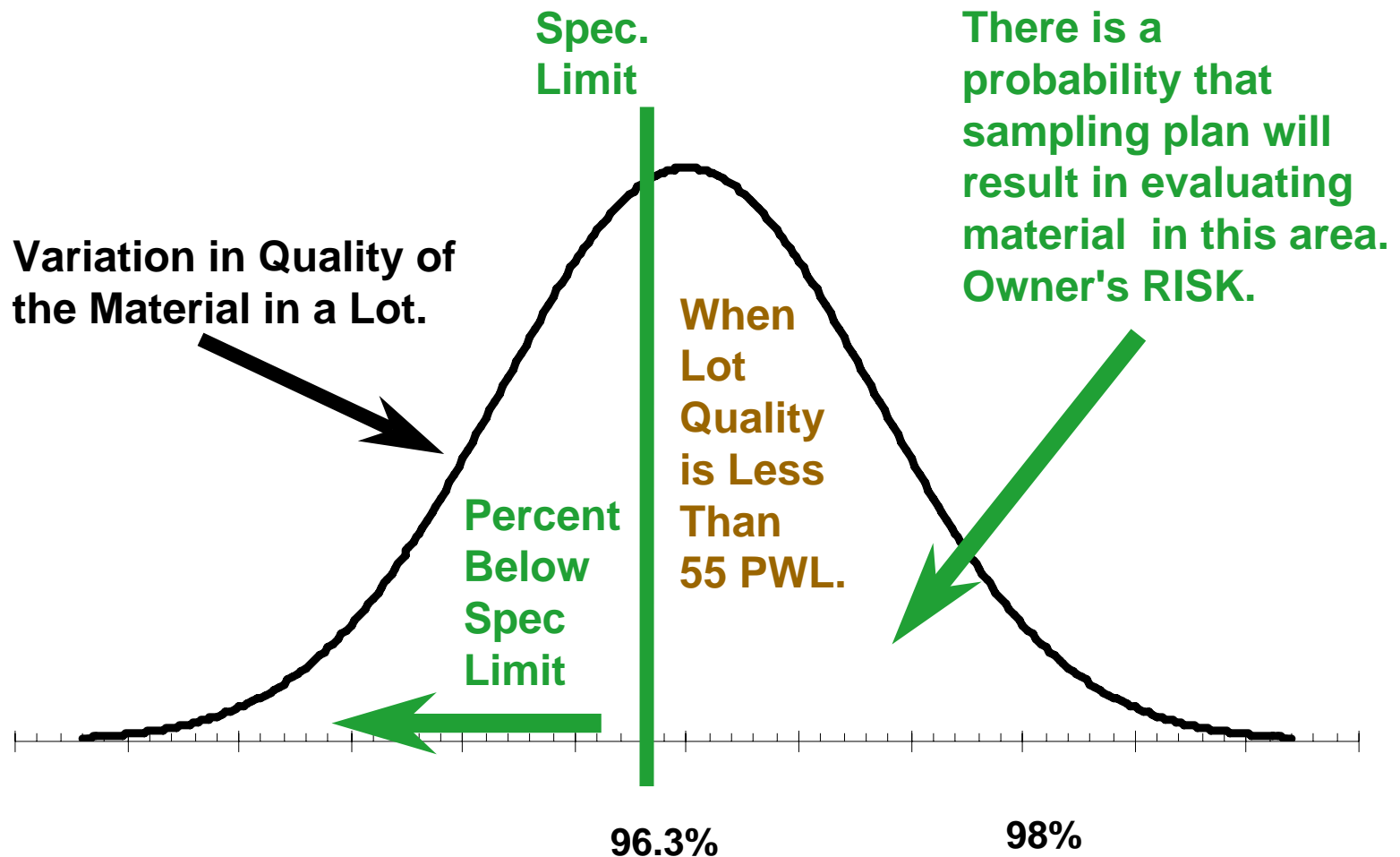
# FAA Acceptable Quality

- Item P-401 and Item P-501--FAA assumes process control parameters that are “not unreasonable” for mat density, joint density, air voids, strength, and thickness.
- All acceptance criteria is based on processes with variation in quality conforming to a normal “bell” curve.
- Each day’s production is evaluated and pay is based on daily evaluation of 4 random samples.

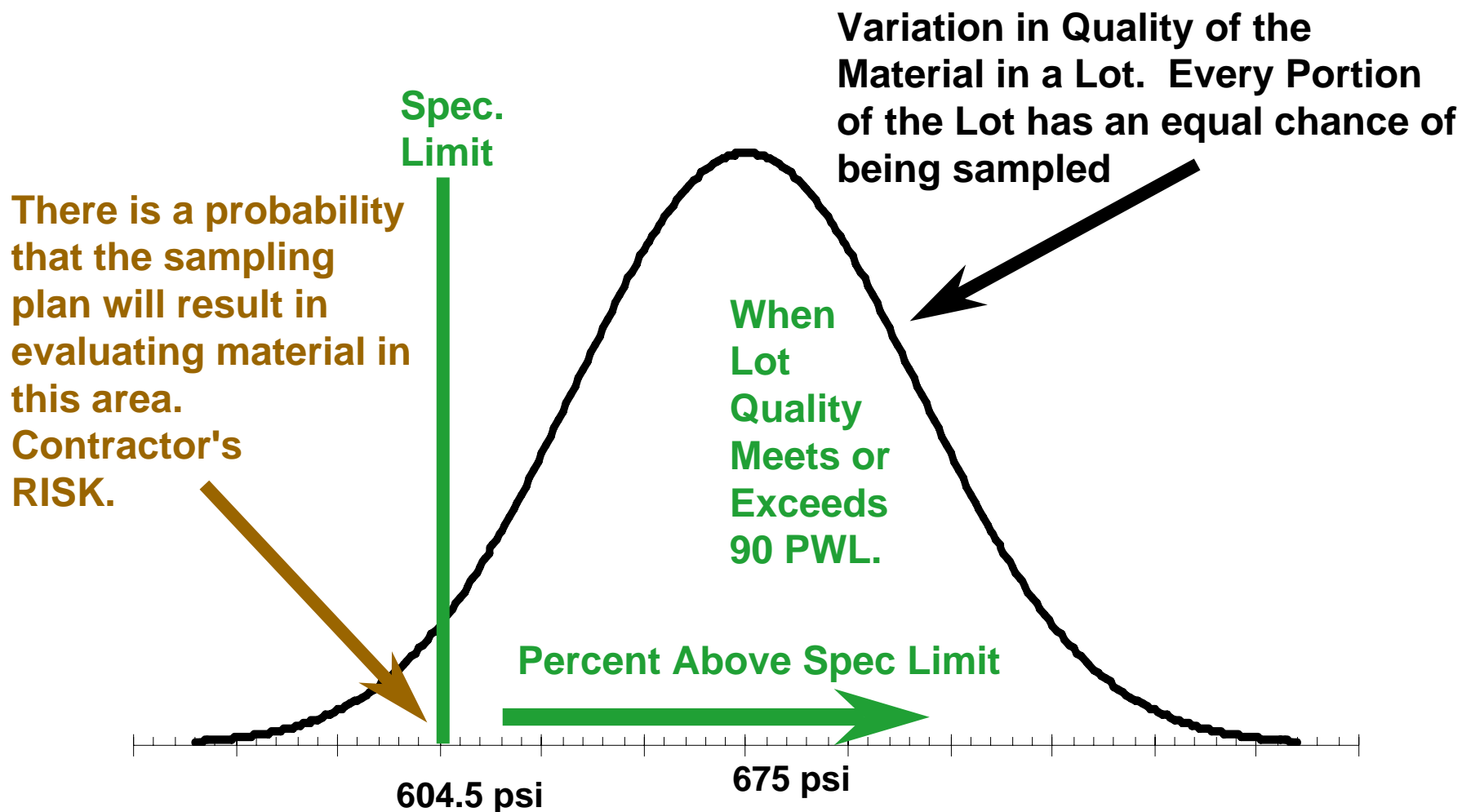
# Risk at Acceptable Quality P-401



# Risk at Rejectable Quality P-401

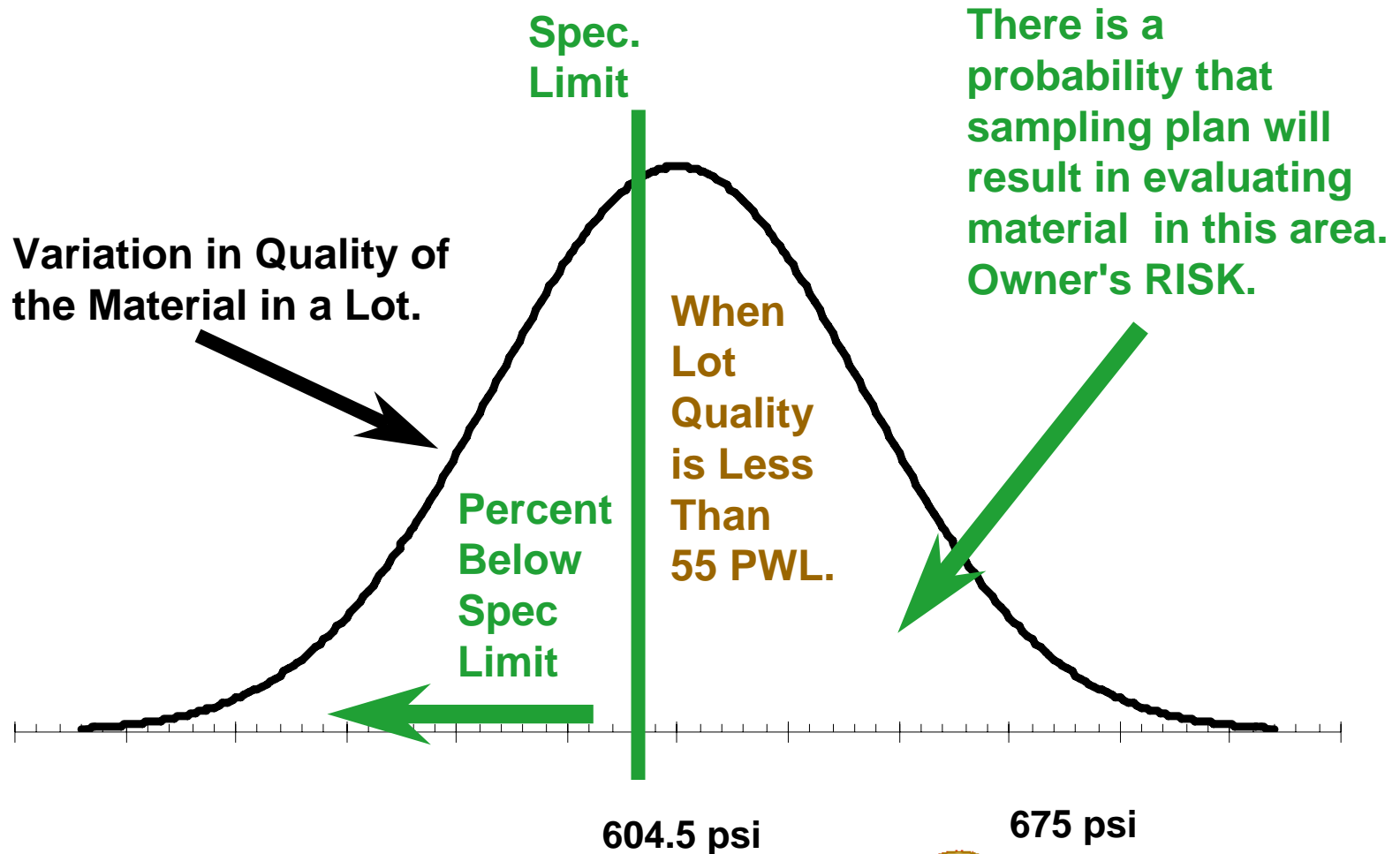


# Risk at Acceptable Quality P-501





# Risk at Rejectable Quality P-501



# FAA Pay Adjustment Schedule Helps Balance Risk Levels

<b>Percentage of Material Within Specification Limits (PWL)</b>	<b>Lot Pay Factor (Percent of Contract Unit Price)</b>
<b>96-100</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>90 - 95</b>	<b>PWL + 10</b>
<b>75 - 90</b>	<b>0.5 PWL + 55</b>
<b>55 - 74</b>	<b>1.4 PWL - 12</b>
<b>Below 55</b>	<b>Reject</b>



# Quality Level “Q” vs. “z”

## Small Sample Theory

Quality Level “Q” =  $\frac{\text{Lot Average} - \text{Lower Spec. Limit}}{\text{Lot Standard Deviation}}$

Small Sample Theory:

At 90 PWL “Q” = 1.200 when sample size,  $n = 4$

At 90 PWL “Q” = 1.254 when sample size,  $n = 8$

At 90 PWL “Q” = 1.267 when sample size,  $n = 16$

At 90 PWL “Q” = 1.275 when sample size,  $n = 32$

At 90 PWL “Q” = 1.278 when sample size,  $n = 64$

At 90 PWL “Q” =  $z = 1.282$  when sample size,  $n = \text{infinity}$

# PWL Acceptance Limits

$$Q = \frac{\text{Lot Average} - \text{Lower Spec. Limit}}{\text{Lot Standard Deviation}}$$

4 sublots per LOT:

At 90 PWL  $Q = 1.200$  for  $n=4$

POPULATION:

At 90 PWL  $Q = z = 1.282$  for  $n = \infty$

# Item P-401 Acceptance Limits

$$z = \frac{\text{Population Average} - \text{Lower Spec. Limit}}{\text{Population Standard Deviation}}$$

$$\text{Stability} \quad \frac{2150 - 1800}{270} = 1.30 > 1.28$$

$$\text{Mat Density} \quad \frac{98.0 - 96.3}{1.3} = 1.32 > 1.28$$

$$\text{Joint Density} \quad \frac{96 - 93.3}{2.1} = 1.29 > 1.28$$

$$\text{Air Voids} \quad \frac{5 - 4.2}{0.65} = 1.23 \quad \frac{2.8 - 2}{0.65} = 1.23$$

# Outlier Check ASTM E 178

Outlier Determination for Mat Density.

Density of four random cores taken from Lot

98.9      Average = 97.65

98.5      Sample s = 1.79

98.2      n = 4

95.0      PWL = 76 (93% lot pay  
factor)

$$Q = \frac{\text{Lot Average} - \text{Lower Spec. Limit}}{\text{Lot Standard Deviation}}$$

# Outlier Check ASTM E 178

## Outlier Determination for Mat Density.

E-78 with  $n=4$ , 5 percent significance level,  
critical value for test criterion= 1.463

Compare

$$\text{Max } ( 98.9 - 97.65 ) / 1.79 = 0.70 < 1.463$$

No

$$\text{Min } ( 97.65 - 95.0 ) / 1.79 = 1.48 > 1.463$$

Yes

# Outlier Check ASTM E 178

Recalculate PWL after eliminating outlier

Density of 3 random cores taken from Lot A. 98.9

Average = 98.53

98.5      Sample  $s = 0.351$

98.2       $n = 3$

PWL = 100 (106% lot pay factor)

NOTE: Outliers exist if:

Density greater than  $(97.65 + 1.463 \times 1.79)$ , or

Density less than  $(97.65 - 1.463 \times 1.79)$

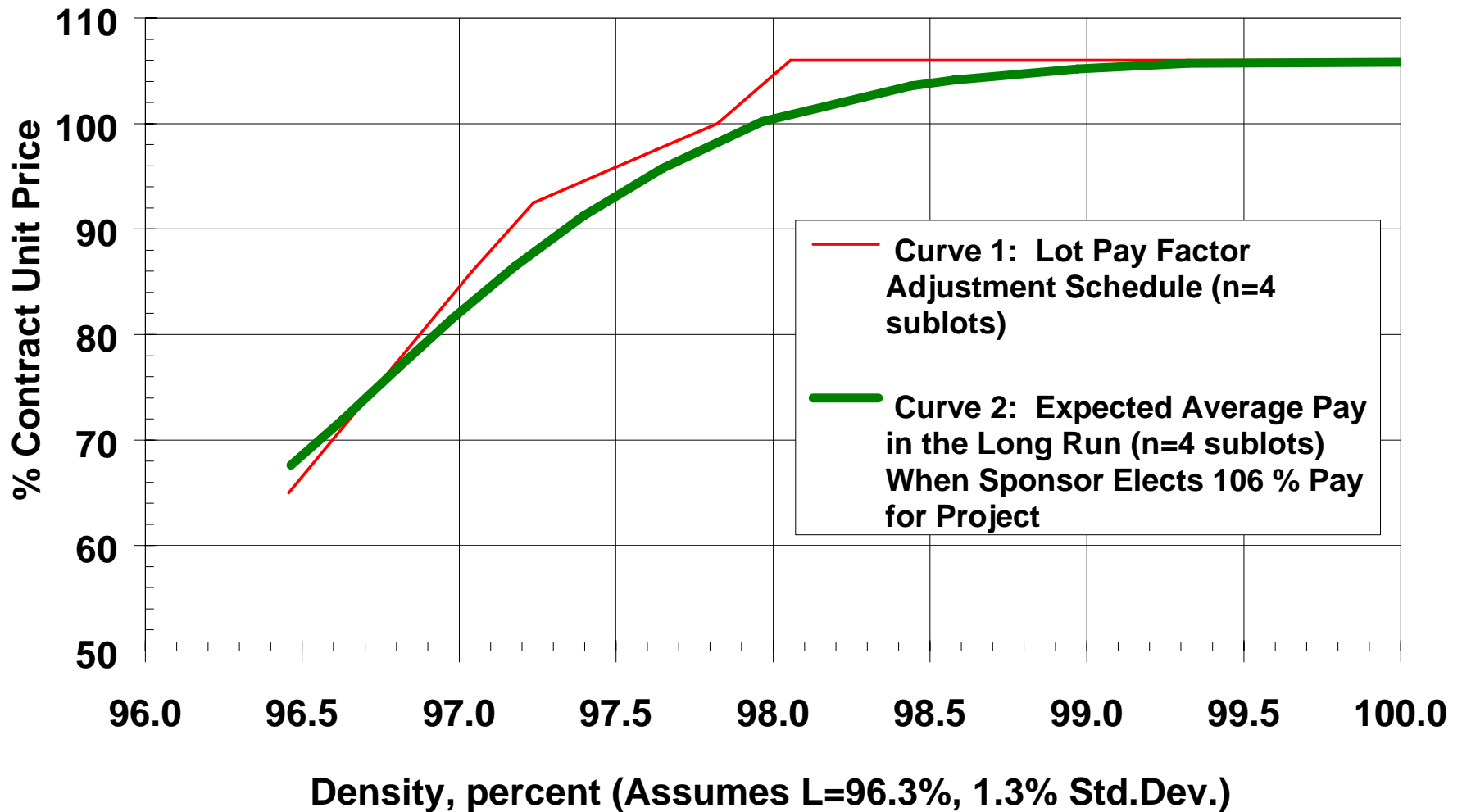
Lot Average  $\pm$  Test Criterion \* Lot Standard  
Deviation are Critical Values



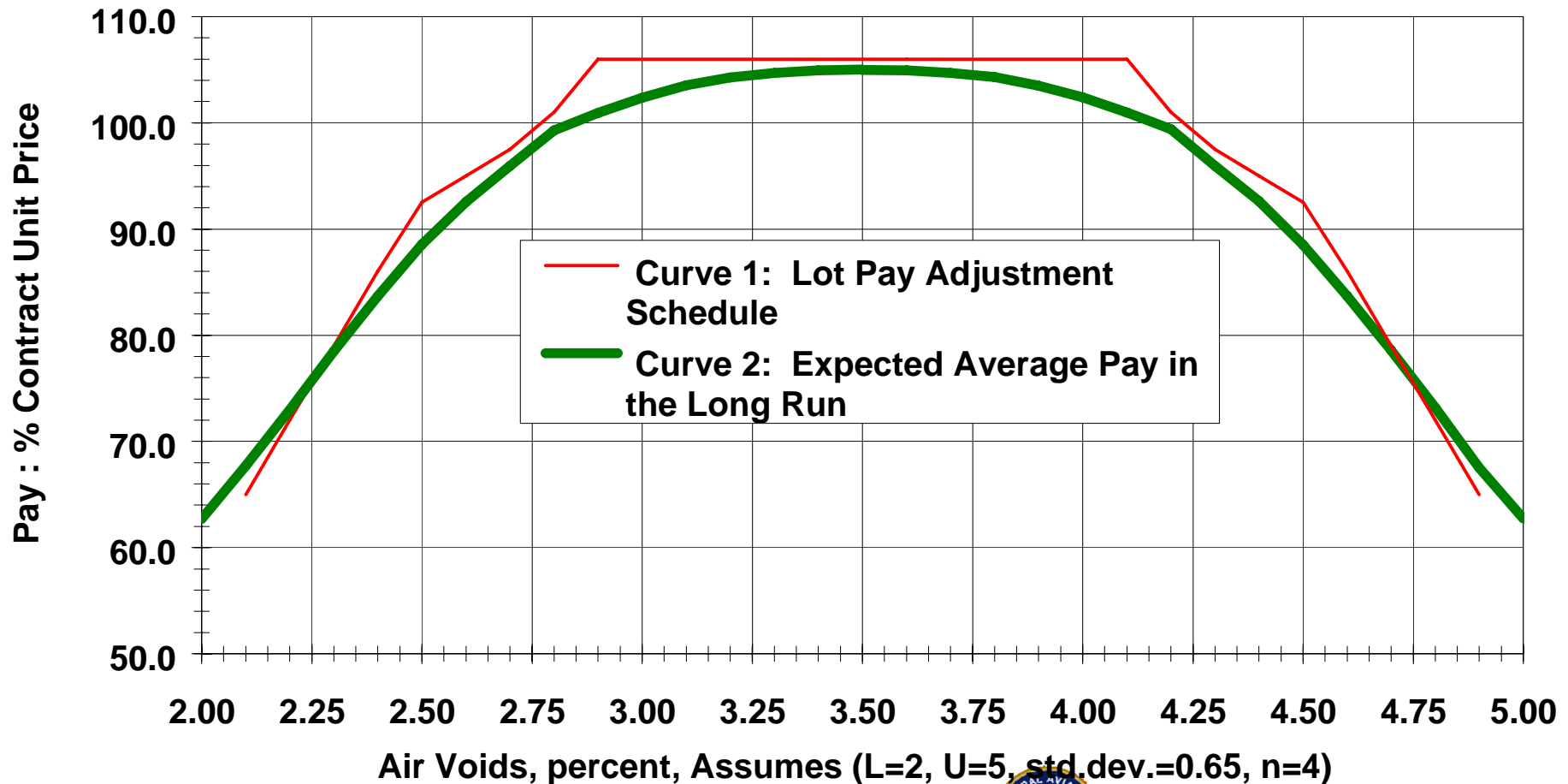
# Pay Adjustment Schedule, e.g. Density and Air Voids, Item P-401

Lot Density 90 PWL or Above			Lot Density 55-89 PWL			Lot Density Below 55 PWL		
AND			AND			AND		
Lot Air Void PWL is:			Lot Air Void PWL is:			Lot Air Void PWL is:		
90 or Above	55-89	Below 55	90 or Above	55-89	Below 55	90 or Above	55-89	Below 55
Lot Pay Factor is:			Lot Pay Factor is:			Lot Pay Factor is:		
Higher of the two	Product of the two	50% and total project payment reduced	Product of the two	Lower of the two	50% and total project payment reduced	50% and total project payment reduced		

# ITEM P- 401 Lot Pay Factor vs. Density Required: Example



# P- 401 Lot Pay Factor vs. Air Voids Required: Example



# Expected Pay versus Quality Levels

## SPONSOR ELECTS 106 % PAY

Expected Pay Factor at Production PWL

Lot Pay Average in Long Run for n=3 thru n=8

PWL	Factor	n=3	n=4	n=5	n=6	n=7	n=8
99+	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0
99	106.0	105.7	105.7	105.9	105.8	105.9	105.9
98	106.0	105.3	105.2	105.4	105.4	105.5	105.5
96	106.0	104.0	104.1	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.5
95	105.0	103.1	103.6	103.9	103.8	103.9	104.0
90 AQL	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.8	100.8	101.0	101.0
85	97.5	94.5	96.3	97.4	97.4	97.5	97.6
80	95.0	89.9	91.3	92.5	92.6	93.0	93.3
75	92.5	85.4	86.5	87.5	87.7	88.2	88.5
70	86.0	80.8	81.6	82.1	82.4	82.6	83.0
65	79.0	76.4	76.7	76.6	76.9	77.0	77.1
60	72.0	72.1	72.0	71.1	71.6	71.4	71.3
55 RQL	65.0	68.2	67.7	66.2	66.5	66.0	65.7



# Expected Pay versus Quality Levels

## SPONSOR ELECTS 100 % PAY

Expected Pay Factor at Production PWL

Lot Pay      Average in Long Run for n=3 thru n=8

PWL	Factor	n=3	n=4	n=5	n=6	n=7	n=8
99+	106.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
99	106.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
98	106.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
96	106.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
95	105.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
90 AQL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
85	97.5	94.5	96.3	97.4	97.4	97.5	97.6
80	95.0	89.9	91.3	92.5	92.6	93.0	93.3
75	92.5	85.4	86.5	87.5	87.7	88.2	88.5
70	86.0	80.8	81.6	82.1	82.4	82.6	83.0
65	79.0	76.4	76.7	76.6	76.9	77.0	77.1
60	72.0	72.1	72.0	71.1	71.6	71.4	71.3
55 RQL	65.0	68.2	67.7	66.2	66.5	66.0	65.7



**FROM Engr. Brief No. 56, Table 4.4**

**Production Values Needed to Achieve Quality Level, Using FAA Model Assumptions**

**Probability of Achieving a Lot Pay Factor of:**

<b>PWL</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>≥100</b>	<b>≥97.5</b>	<b>≥95</b>	<b>≥92.5</b>	<b>Item P-401</b> <b>Density</b> $\mu = 98.0\%$ $\sigma = 1.3\%$ <b>L=96.3%</b>	<b>Item P-501</b> <b>Strength</b> $\mu = 675$ $\sigma = 55$ <b>L=604.5</b>
<b>99</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>99.32</b>	<b>732</b>
<b>98</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>98.97</b>	<b>717</b>
<b>97</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>98.75</b>	<b>708</b>
<b>96</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>98.58</b>	<b>701</b>
<b>95</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>98.44</b>	<b>695</b>
<b>94</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>98.32</b>	<b>690</b>
<b>93</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>98.22</b>	<b>686</b>
<b>92</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>98.13</b>	<b>682</b>
<b>91</b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>98.04</b>	<b>678</b>
<b>90</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>97.97</b>	<b>675</b>

# FAA ACCEPTANCE –Lot pay equation has an advantage up to 96 PWL

Lot-Basis, n=4 sublots per lot.

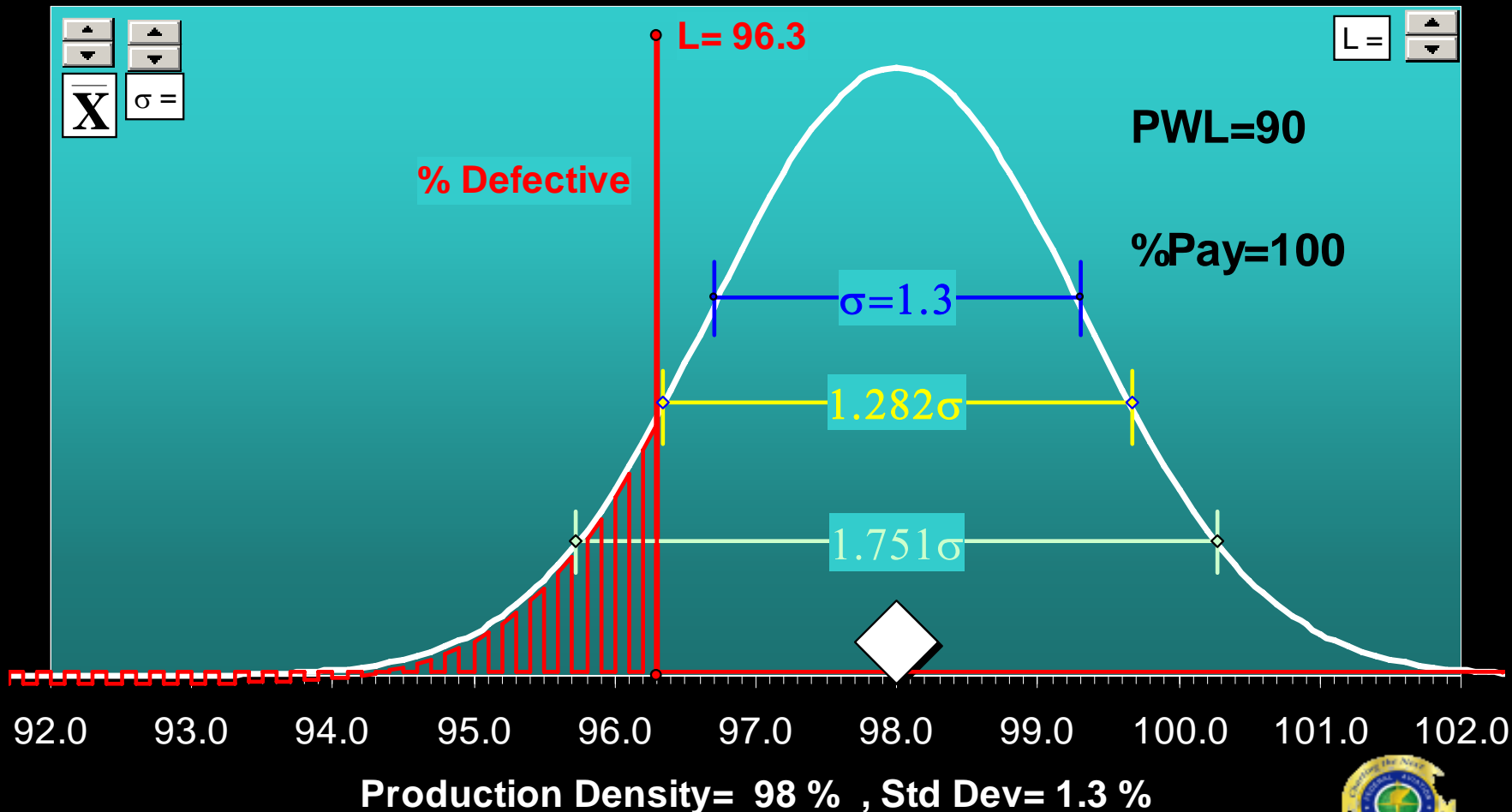
Mat Density– Contractor target  $\geq 98.5\%$

Joint Density – Contractor target  $\geq 96.5\%$

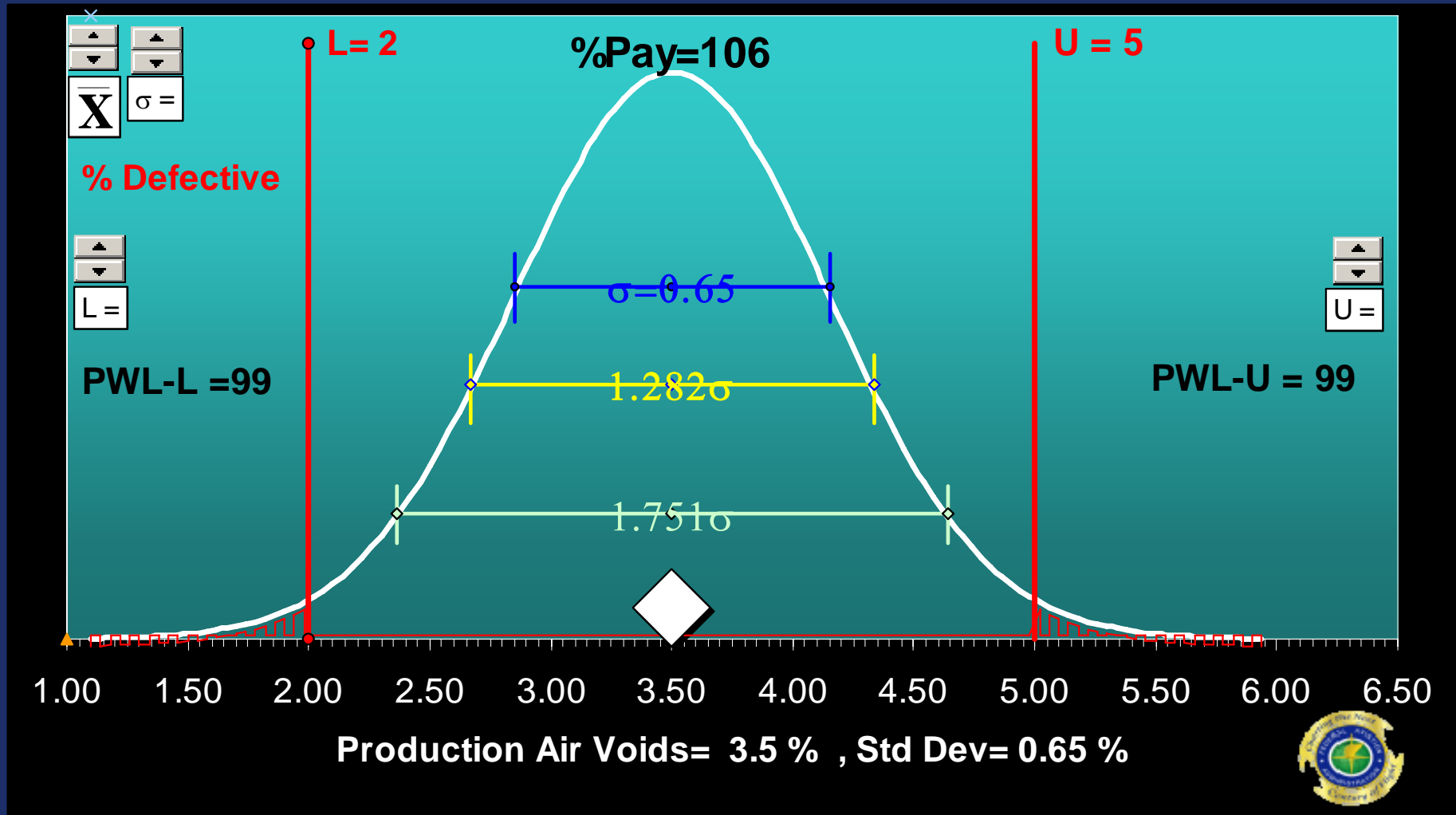
Air Voids – Contractor target  $\sim 3.5\%$

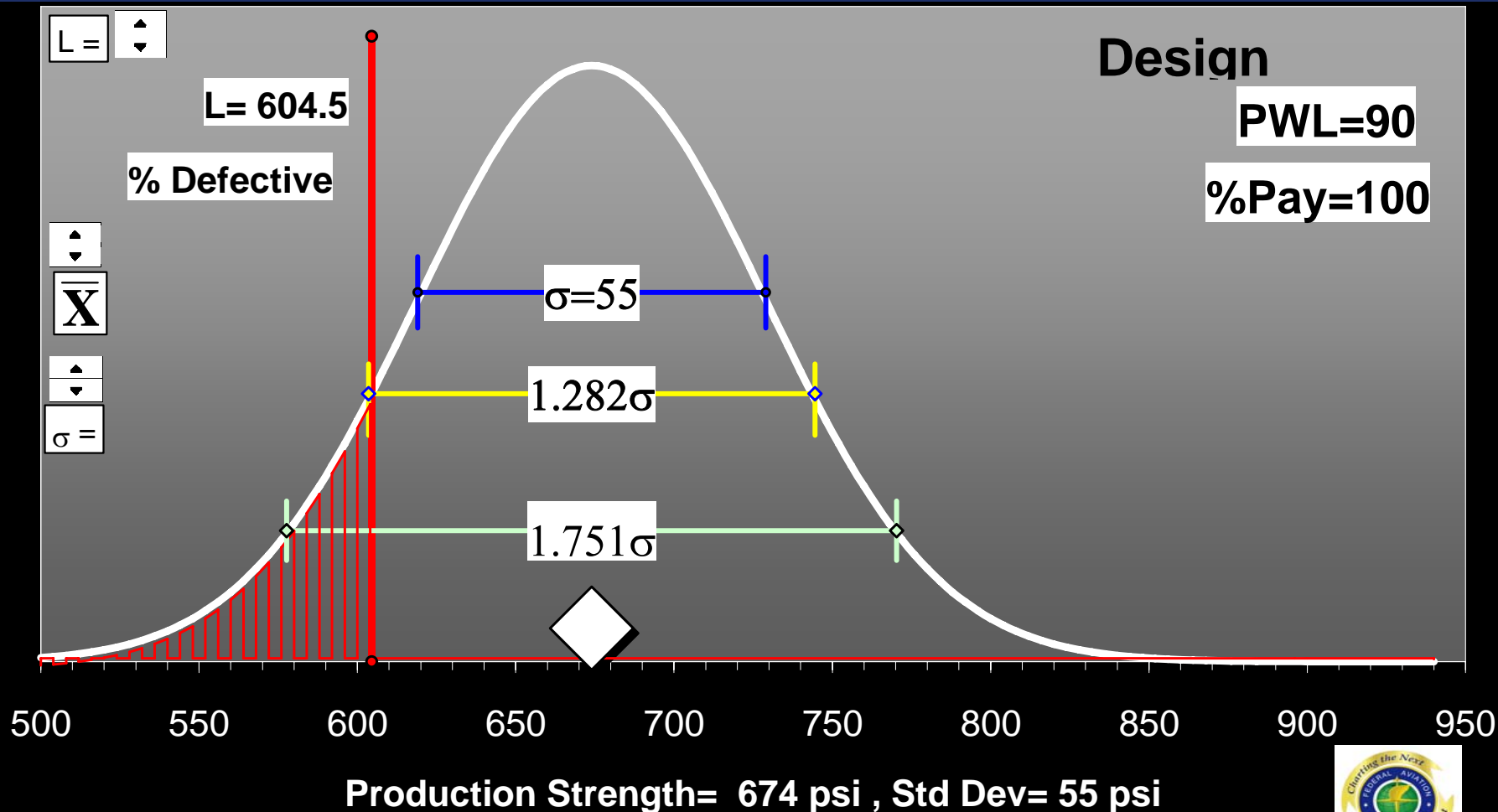
Strength –Achieve 8.5% Coefficient of Variability or Increase Over design Amount.

Thickness -- 3/8" or better.









Plan Thickness=

$L = 14.5$  in.

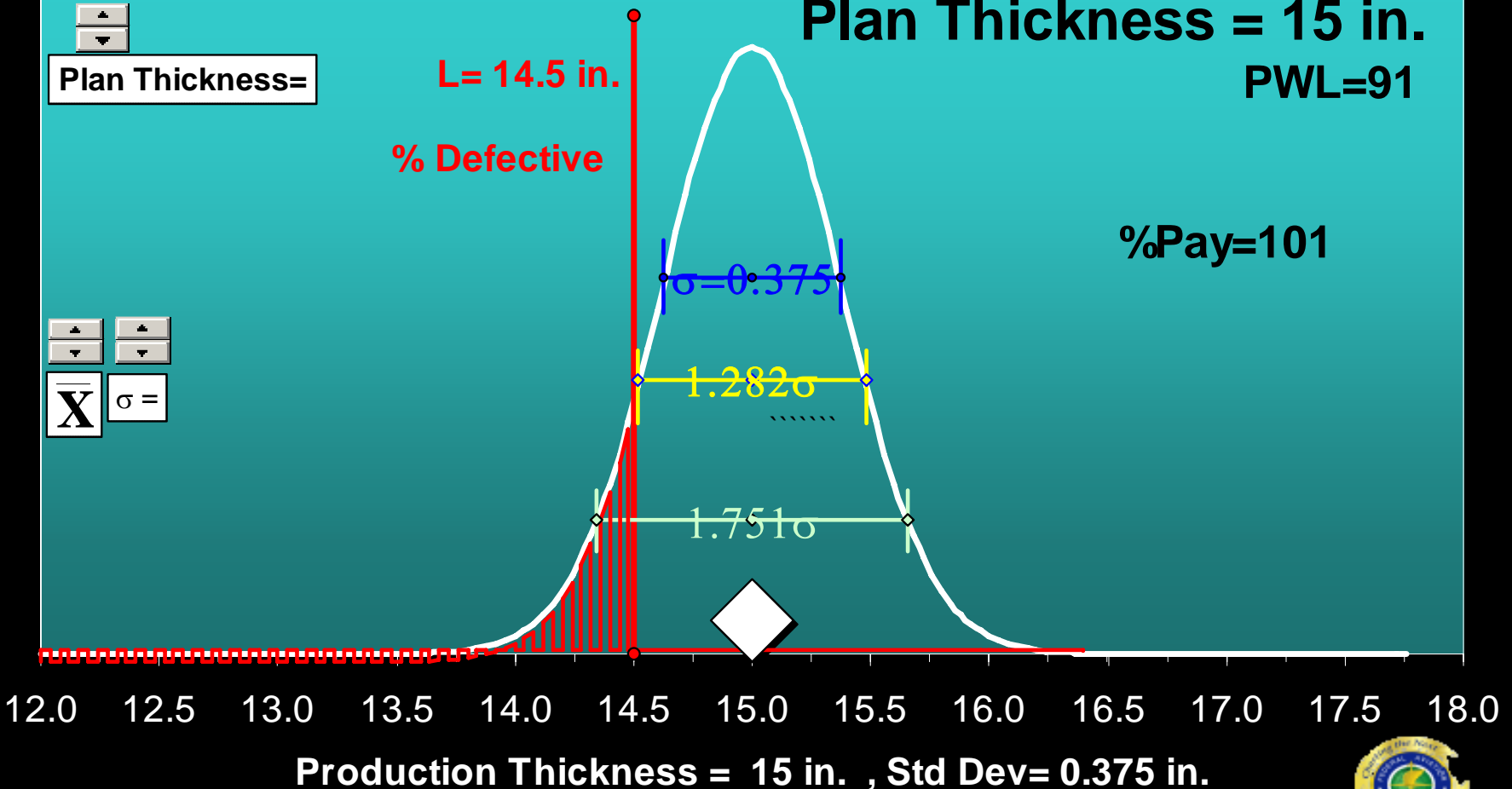
Plan Thickness = 15 in.

PWL=91

% Defective

%Pay=101

$\bar{X}$   $\sigma =$

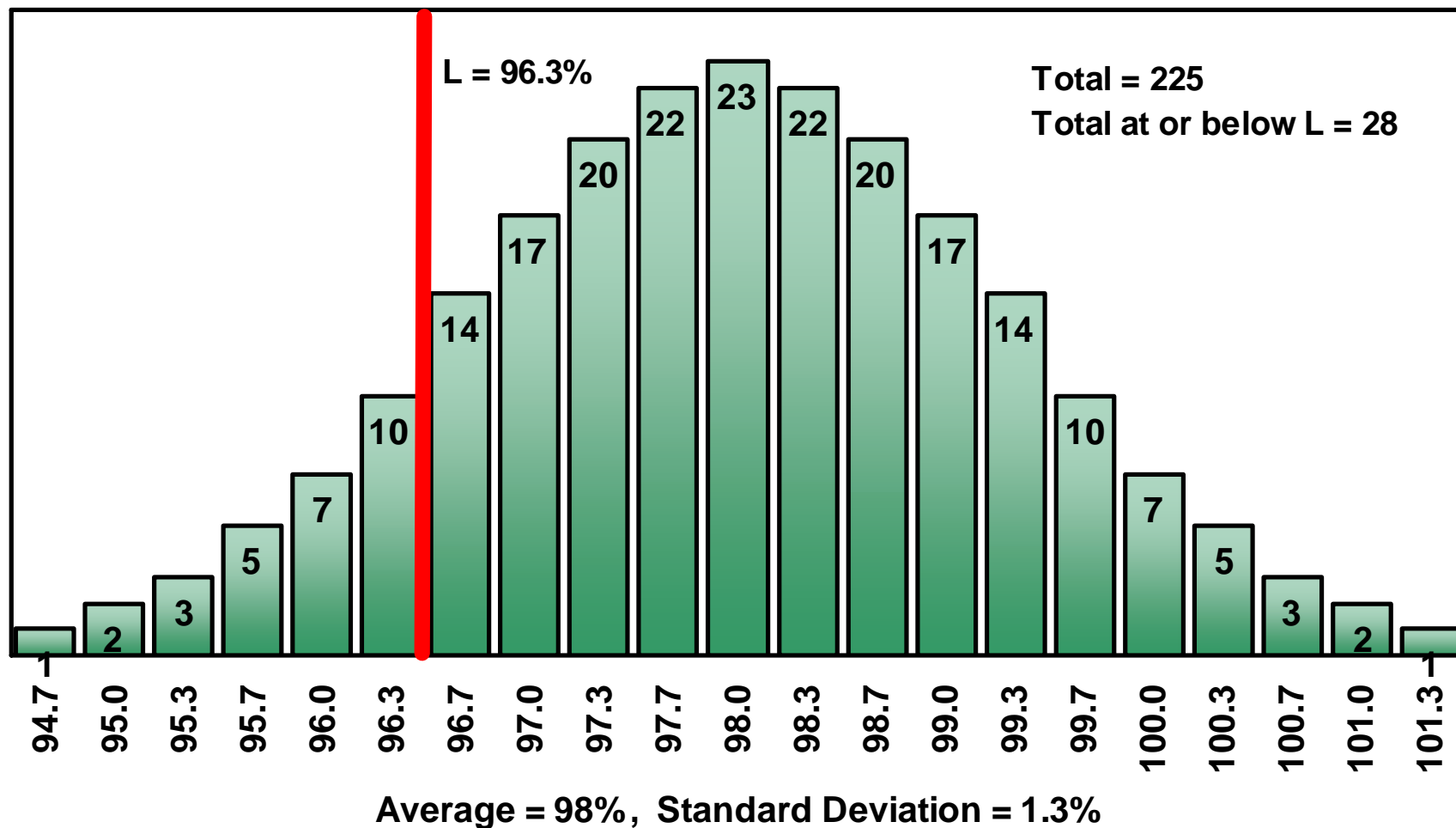


# Workshop Interaction

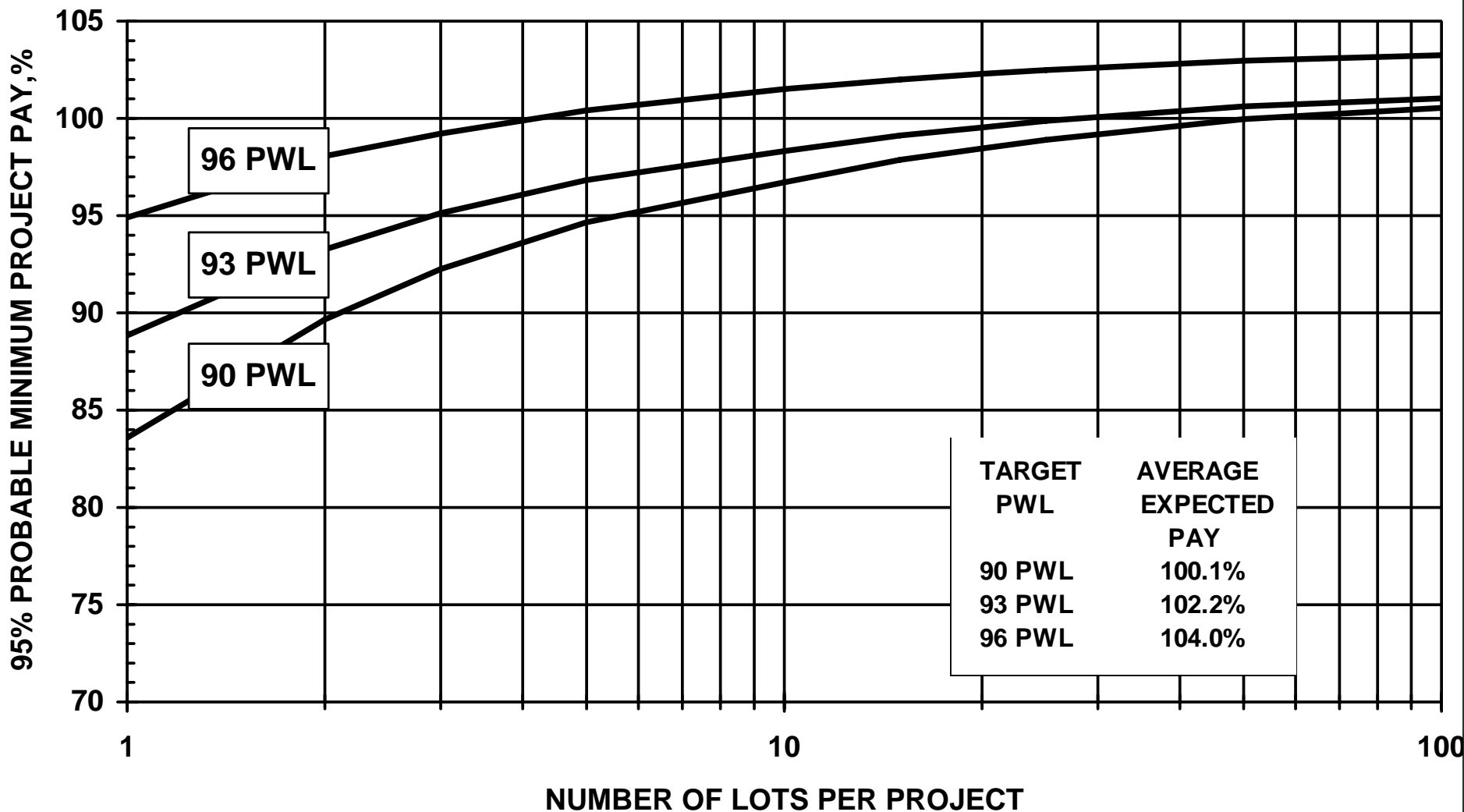


# Workshop Interaction

90 PWL Density Distribution, Production Target Density = 98%



# **NUMBER OF LOTS PER PROJECT VS. MINIMUM EXPECTED PAY** **CONTRACTOR TARGETS PRODUCTION AT 90 PWL, 93 PWL, 96 PWL** **95% PROBABILITY CURVES**



## Estimating the Standard Deviation of a Population ( $\sigma$ )—Analogous to estimating the Target Production Standard Deviation

When we wish to refer to the standard deviation of an underlying universe or parent population (target production), we use the symbol  $\sigma$ . In the construction process the true value of  $\sigma$  (target production standard deviation) is usually unknown. However, it is possible to estimate  $\sigma$  by using a (lot) sample (or series of (lots) samples) as follows:

$$\sigma = s / c_2$$

Where  $s$  is the standard deviation of a (lot) sample of a given size (e.g.  $n=4$ ), and  $c_2$ , is a factor which varies with (lot) sample size as shown in the table. E.g.,  $c_2$  for a (lot) sample size,  $n = 4$ , is 0.7979.

Sample Size	$d_2$	$c_2$
3	1.693	0.7236
4	2.059	0.7979
5	2.326	0.8407
6	2.534	0.8686
7	2.704	0.8882
8	2.847	0.9027

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